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## RECRUITING AND OPEN INQUIRY

It is undeniable that job recruiting on campus is beneficial to both the company which seeks talent and the student who seeks employment.

As a service to students, recruiting is a service to the University, and should be allowed to continue. This is not a question of morals or of principles. It is a question of whether the aid to the individual student is worth whatever effort and expense the University devotes to its placement program. We think it is worth it, and we think an overwhelming majority of the student body would agree.

We also believe it is to the benefit of the educational function — which is the University's primary purpose — to foster open discussion. As everyone from President Heffner to David Kertzer has indicated, a discussion of CIA policies or of the role of private industry in complying with government policy would be of unquestionable educational value. Any company or government agency

that wishes to recruit on campus — whether Dow or General Motors, CIA or the Peace Corps — should be willing to submit to an open forum if requested by some specified number of students. Those companies unwilling to do so should not have the privilege of on-campus recruiting — they are, of course,

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free to rent a room in the Minden or elsewhere for their interviewing.

But another question arises: should the University lend its facilities to firms or agencies holding policies repugnant to the University? We feel that just as the University would allow a Communist faculty member to express his view of history in the classroom or a George Lincoln Rockwell to throw his

verbal spitballs from the Alumnae Hall lectern, it should allow any legitimate employer to make his pitch in the Placement Office, providing he is willing to participate in open discussion of his policies.

It has been suggested, for example, that the University limit its facilities to equal opportunity employers. We think it would be of educational value to hear a frankly segregationist employer tell a member of the Afro-American Society or the Conservative League why he does not hire Negroes.

Before another CIA incident blows up, and another group of students is forced to choose between possible expulsion and compromise of principles, the University must establish a new and clear policy on recruitment. And the policy which would provide the greatest service to the students and to the ideal of the University as a place of free inquiry would be to allow anyone to recruit who is willing to confront openly the questions students want to ask.

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